

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

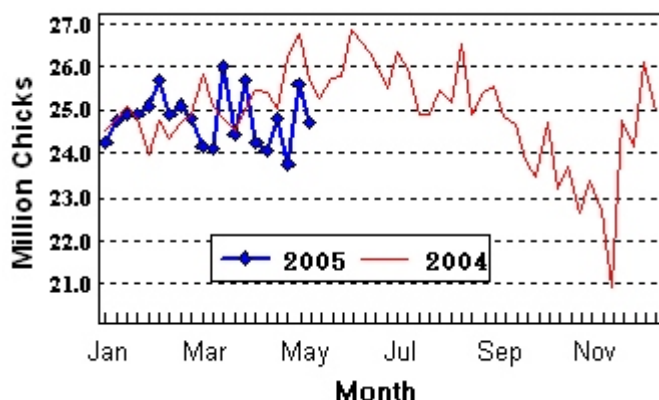
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending May 14, 2005. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through May 14, 2005 were 496.2 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.2 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.8 percent.

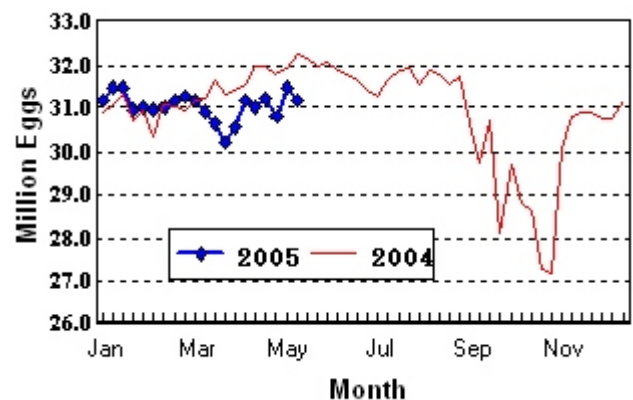
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 14, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 9	25,450	24,245	95	26,033	25,690	99	31,533	31,153	99
Apr. 16	25,379	24,090	95	25,899	25,330	98	31,979	30,997	97
Apr. 23	25,051	24,829	99	26,014	25,451	98	32,020	31,203	97
Apr. 30	26,189	23,759	91	26,122	25,978	99	31,803	30,826	97
May 7	26,708	25,610	96	26,377	26,046	99	31,961	31,488	99
May 14	25,691	24,727	96	26,395	26,160	99	32,245	31,167	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May		09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	
Alabama	31,194 *	31,577	31,405	31,626	103	21,769	21,842	22,081	22,253	21,625	21,315	100
ARKANSAS	31,203	30,826	31,488	31,167	97	24,245	24,090	24,829	23,759	25,610 *	24,727	96
Delaware	4,044	3,786	3,956	4,085	106	6,033	5,788	5,557	5,681	5,156 *	6,457	143
Florida	1,354	1,342	1,344	1,343	96	1,699	1,488	1,504	1,668 *	1,363	1,497	89
Georgia	33,448	33,214	32,539	33,638	101	27,006	26,971	25,781	27,120 *	28,528 *	28,272	105
Kentucky	6,704	6,991 *	7,328 *	7,211	101	5,517	6,096	6,446	6,420 *	5,848 *	5,959	98
Louisiana	4,165	4,041	4,102	4,105	103	3,871	3,653	3,605	3,954	3,934	4,309	115
Maryland	8,981	8,876	8,905 *	8,995	101	5,207	4,988	5,212	5,762	6,105 *	4,808	76
Mississippi	18,886	18,780	18,947	18,812	97	17,940	17,960	17,749	17,421	16,949 *	16,964	100
N. Carolina	19,087 *	19,124	18,753	18,796	101	15,361	15,174	15,381	15,302	15,624	15,268	102
Oklahoma	6,649	6,265	6,102	6,625	101	5,362	5,075	4,425	5,933	5,520	5,463	109
Pennsylvania	4,003	4,056 *	4,115 *	3,988	101	3,047	2,975	3,053	3,191 *	3,140 *	2,957	103
S. Carolina	5,010	5,192	4,983	5,177	137	4,512	4,602	4,271	4,544	3,572	4,387	112
Texas	15,542	15,527	15,553	15,536	101	12,930	12,917	13,231	13,141	13,070	13,141	103
Virginia	6,602	6,677	6,495	6,634	100	5,364	5,676	5,353	4,999	5,144	5,407	96
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,967 *	18,187 *	18,138 *	18,265	102	16,911 *	17,866 *	16,977 *	18,488 *	16,719 *	17,140	100
Total 2005	214,839 *	214,461 *	214,153 *	216,003		176,774 *	177,161 *	175,455 *	179,636 *	177,907 *	178,071	
Total 2004	213,217	212,646	212,957	213,724		172,145	173,941	173,669	174,862	176,351	175,431	
%Prev. Year	101	101	101	101		103	102	101	103	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 216 million eggs during the week ending May 14, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 14, 2005 were 3.34 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.